Henry Shackelford, Esq.

l ask permission to say a few words, through the Gazette, in behalf of Henry Shackelford, esq., one of the candidates for Congress in this district. Mr. Shackelford is a gentleman of known worth and tried ability, and served with great credit to himself and constituents in the State Senate for a number of years. He is now a candidate for higher honors, and though for some time his prospects were not very flattering, yet, as the canvass has progressed, his strength has increased, and to-day he stands forth a formidable competitor for a seat in the next House of Representatives, and with a proper degree of exertion on the part of the Democrats, can his election be secured. Mr. S. is a Simon Pure Democrat, who has never werved from the straight path of Democratic duty, and who is now manfully contending for those principles which we have been accustomed to regard as the basis principle of the Republic. Always, and at all times, since the opening of the campaign, has he and his friends been anxious and willing for a Convention, to settle any controversy and decide upon a candidate; but, from some cause or other, certain Democrats opposed to him, and in favor of another candidate, have objected, and now, when there is thought to be a chance for the election of Maj. Thomas. we are called upon to forsake our friend, simply to gratify the wishes of his opponents! This proposition we shall spurn, and we shall leave no stone unturned, and no honorable means untried, to secure the election of Mr. Shackelford, let the result be what it may. Mr. Shackeiford's friends consider that they are but doing their duty, and exercising their undoubted right, and they deny the right of any one to enter the field last, and demand of them to support one who is not their choice. They will not be told, "aut "Smith' They claim to be free and independent American citizens, not to be dictated to by any man, or set of men, and knowing their rights, they will most certainly main-

April 13.

COMMUNICATED. It is claimed that Governor Smith is the candidate, par excellence, of the Democratic party in this District, for Congress, and the pretensions of Mr. Shackelford scoffed at and spurned, because of the assumed higher appreciation of past services of the former, and his stronger present affinities to the party organization. Notwithstanding that Governor Smith has heretofore practically ignored the usage which is recognized elsewhere, in the nomination of candidates of the party, has refused to support the nominees of the party for Governor, &c., when it was to his interest to conciliate opposition sentiment by so doing, he is now, for sooth, according to the argument of his partizans, when a formidable representative of his quondam allies, the Whigs and Know Nothings, is against him in the field, a marvellous proper Democrat, and exclusively embodies the principles, and is entitled to the undivided vote of the party in the canvass now pending in this Congressional District. Now, if this obligation to support Mr. Smith really attaches to the Democratic party, what are his duties to the party from which so much is demanded? Is t not to vindicate its principles and to defend | in furnaces, it is only about half as dense .nothing which would tend to sow dissension | bear a very favorable comparison with dried | are quite similar. in our own ranks, and to do all in his power to wood, being found to contain about 10 preserve harmony and good feeling among per cent. more carbon, 2 per cent. more hy the individual members of an organization from whose united support he asks and expects an election to Congress? Surely these nclusions will not be gainsayed by any impartial mind, in the party. But how are the facts? The present salvation of Gov. Smith and his only hope to unite the Democrats. lies in their willingness to cast the mantle of obliviou upon his course since 1853, and look to pledges for his fidelity now, in the proofs furnished by his earlier political career. But if he will not recognize now the obvious line of party duty which lies before him, and chooses for whatever purpose, to reproduce the this country in 1817, and settled in Stafford Coun causes of past dissensions, and to revive the ty, Va. memory of former difficulties, within his own party, at his own door will rest the evil consequences which must flow from a course so wanton and unprovoked. The writer has been induced to adopt this strain of remark from an incident which occurred at the last (March) County Court of Fairfax, and to which he was an eve-witness.

In reply to an argument presented by Major Thomas, that it was competent for the Whigs to run a candidate for Congress, inasmuch as the Democrats had gerrymandered the State, and left them without a single District in the representation, Gov. Smith remarked that he should not be held responsible, as it was well known that he. Smith, was the Arenging Angel of that wrong. This of course was intended as a fling at a prominent Democrat (Mr. Jas Barbour, who had been unjustly charged by the opposition as the author of the law under which the Districts for Congress were formed. (I say unjustly charged in the past sense, because it is well known now that the scheme of apportionment which passed the Legislature in 1852, '53, was brought presented to the family of our deceased friend, and forward by the Delegate from Halifax, Col. also that they be published in the city papers.

Gov. Smith thought perhaps that he could conciliate some opposition sentiment in the audience, by bringing up this stale charge against a leading Democrat of the District, who had always generously withdrawn from the h li rather than distract his own party. With what grace can Gov. Smith claim the supjort of Sic. II. and his friends, when he goes out of his way to assail motives and charge unfair party action upon him, and at a time too when Mr. Smith demands that the Demoerats shall unite upon him in order to save the District from falling into the hands of the opposition. If Mr. Smith expects support upon party grounds, it is his duty to defend party leaders from assault rather than to assail them by gratuitous and unfounded in-sauations. Mr. Barbour I know two years ago came forward and gave Mr. Smith his vote for Congress, when the integrity of the party was imperiled, and the incoming administration of Mr. Buchanan needed help. faunt and illiberal inunendo is now the return for his course.

It is apparent that the course pursued generally by Gov. Smith, has alienated his party from him, and produced an irreparable reach. The defeat of the party for Congress is now inevitable, unless Gov. Smith withdraws from the field. His course in 1855 towards the foreign voters, will deprive him of all aid from that element of the orcanization. Let him get out of the way and allow the party to concentrate upon some one acceptable to all, and upon whom the fiemocrats can as a unit units.
AN ALEXANDRIA DEMOCRAT,

25 Meisrs, Sultu, Shackelyond and Thou-45, will address the citizens of Culpeper County, at the Court House, on Monday, the 18th instant, and of Fauquier, on Monday, the 25th instant, the Court days if those Counties. ap 9

PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK:

The Propeller JEROME, Captain Jerome, will leave on Thursday, 14th instant, for above ports.

WM. H. FOWLE & SON,

At the South Wales Institute of Engineers, October meeting, a very useful and practical paper was read on the "Comparative Value of the Fuels." The fuels are those substances in nature which have been produced by the combination of carbon, oxygen and hydrogen, and their relative value very much depends upon the proportions in which the caroon and hydrogen enter into their composition; whilst their entire consumption depends upon the presence of oxygen either as a natural component or as supplied by the atmosphere. Of pit coals the varieties producing the largest amount of heat in the shortest space of time are most valuable as a steam coal—considered simply with respect to heating properties. But the engineer must employ other guides in selecting coal for steam navigation or locomotive purposes. The difference in the amount of stowage required for equal weights may constitute a coal most valuable for the above uses, whilst the heating property is a little below par compared with coal of the highest calorific value. Coals free from sulphur, somewhat porous, or which will readily break up on exposure to heat, and probably which contain a large amount of carbon, are required for smelting, whilst coals of the highest economic value are the touchstone of success to railway and steam navigation

Comparative Value of Fuels.

The lowest calorific effect obtained from wood as given by Count Rumford, is from the thick shavings of oak, and is expressed by one pound of this fuel raising 24.748 lbs. water from 32 deg. to 212 deg. Fahr., whilst the lowest of the series of bituminous coals is from a continental mine, and is expressed by 1 lb. of the fuel raising 43.9 lbs. of water from 32 deg. to 212 deg. Fahr .--The highest calorific effect from wood is from strongly dried lime tree wood, 1. lb. of which raised 40.131 lbs. of water, whilst the highest effect from coal is when Aberdare Company's Merthyr is the fuel, 1 lb. raising 7.11 lbs. of water. The greatest drawback to the use of wood as fuel is the amount of

water it contains. Peat is a fuel of no mean importance in extent and utility. The great marsh of Montoire near the mouth of the Loire is said to be 150 miles in circumference. In Holland and North Germany entire districts are covered by peat formations, from which large quantities of fuel are annually furnished to various manufactories in their vicinity; and in Ireland we have nearly 3,000,-000 acres of peat moor, being above one seventh of the whole island. The peat formations are a variety of marshy plants such as sedges, reeds, rushes, mosses, amongst which the moss sphagnum palustre chiefly predominates; these have grown in stagnant water in a moist atmosphere and where evaporation has gone on slowly. At Cappoge, in Ireland, a process has been introduced whereby the peat is very highly compressed by a powerful hydraulic press. On leaving the press it occupies about one third of its previous volume, whilst it is found to have lost about two fifths of its weight from the quantity of water expelled, and it is said to have no tendency to re-absorb water .-Mallet remarks that experiments at Wurtemburg show that a cubic foot of wood is equivalent to about 21 cubic feet of disiccated turf. The great objection to this kind of fuel is the high percentage of ash it contains, being sometimes so abundant as to what treatment should be adopted. The render it quite useless: but some of the Irish peats seem tolerably pure. Peat also varies exceedingly in density-the heaviest varieties weighing as much as 1,000 lbs. per cubic yard, whilst the lightest does not exceed 500 lbs. Compared with coal, as employed

drogen, and 12 per cent. less water. In Washington, D. C., on Sunday, 10th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Finkel, JOHN ABENDSCHEIN, to CHRISTINE KHARN.

On the 31st ultimo, at the residence of Mr. John Irvine, Stafford County, Virginia, Miss MARY C ELLISON, aged 57. The subject of this notice was born near Newtown, Limavaddy, Ireland where having spent her childhood and early youth she removed with her father and other friends to

Suddenly, in Fredericksburg, on Wednesday night last, Mr. JOHN GILHAM. At Spotsylvania Court House, on Tuesday even ing, 12th inst., Mrs. AGNES SANFORD, consor Mr. Joseph Sanford.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT .-- At a meeting of the students of the Alexandria Boarding School held on Monday, April 11th, 1859, for the purpos of expressing their sorrow for the death of their fellow student, Andrew C. Wylle, of this city, the following resolutions were adopted: - Whereas, at e Providence, in its allwise dispensation has been pleased to remove from our midst, by the hand of death, our cherished and lamented friend, companion, and fellow student, ANDREW C. WY-Resolved. That while we bow in humble sub-

mission to the will of Him, who doeth all things well, we must regret the loss of one so promising. Resolved, that we, his companions, and class mates, deeply sympathise with his family and friends, in their bereavement, and hereby extend to them our condolence, in this hour of grief and

Resolved, That we will accompany his remains o the grave, and wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be

RALPH AULICK, President. J. GALES RANSAY, Secretary. ALBERT A. WILSON, Committee. A. H. RAMIREZ,

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PORT OF ALEXANDRIA-APRIL 13,

Below, barque Arthur White, Kelly, from Bristol, England, with 800 tons iron to the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad Company. Schr. Diamond, Foaks, Philadelphia, by D. B.

Gehr. A. V. Bodell, Ryder, New York, by Borden Mining Co Schr. Louisa Tucker, Robinson, New York, by Steamer Columbia, Harper, Baltimore, by Wheat dull. Va. 6's 984. Mo. 6's 884. r. J. Mehaffey.

Brig Leni, Travers, was at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, 26th ult., loading with Sugar and Molasses, to sail for this port, in a few days. Schrs. Dickerson, Brown, Quinton and Euphrata, Quinton, for Washington, cleared at Baltimore, 12th inst.

Schr, S. E. Jones, Jones, bence at Dighton, Sth. CANAL COMMERCE.

ARRIVED, April 13.

Boats Elk, J. L. Jordon, Mary Otis, and Odd Fellow, coal to T. J. Mebaffey. Boste Ningara and ann B. Stone, chal to Borden Mining Company.

A QUARIUM FOR SALE.—I bave a small and neat Aquartum, elegantly arranged, with plants, fish, &c., which I offer for sale.

W. A. HART.

ap 14-31 No. 109, corner King and Pitt-sts.

Democratic Meeting in King George.

At a meeting of a portion of the Democratic party, held at King George Court House, on Saturday, the 9th of April, being musterday, John Arnold, esq., was called to the Chair, and Capt. John D. Owens requested to act as

The object of the meeting being explained the following committee was appointed to report resolutions for its consideration, viz: Charles Mason, Col. Mark Arnold, Dr. Wm. K. Price, Jackson Potts, Wm. McDaniel, jr., Col. W. A. Arnold, A. W. Tennant, R. H. Hudson, John H. Griffin, John Gibbons, D. Fitzhugh, Uriah Inscoe, Robert Fitzhugh, S.

Morgan and L. Lee, jr.

The following preamble and resolutions were thereafter read by the Chairman, and adopted with almost entire unanimity, there being but one dissenting voice.

WHEREAS, a state of things exists in this ongressional District, which, if not corrected, and that immediately, by the people themselves, in preliminary meetings, must in all probability, result in the loss of the District to the Democratic party. And whereas it appears now that both the contestants of that party, to a seat in Congress, are willing to submit their claims to the action of a convention, which is the proper, and indeed, the only mode of deciding between rival interests; and whereas it is peculiarly fit in this county to take the initiative in such a proceeding, inasmuch as it was, in some degree, the cause of omitting this preliminary to the election of the present representative, which they did for reasons which

t is unnecessary to refer to here: Therefore, Resolved. That with the concurrence and action of the other counties making up this the 7th Congressional District, we recommend that delegates be appointed at our May court, to meet in a District Convention, to be held on the 10th day of May, in the town of Alexandria, to select a candidate for Con-

Resolved, That between the candidates now before the people, although it is conceded that Mr. Shackelford will get some votes, yet it is believed that Gov. Smith is decidedly the choice of a large majority of the people of this county

Resolved, however, That the success of the Democratic party, especially at this time, is deemed by us of far more importance than individual advancement; and although most of us would regret to give up both of the candithe selection of a third man, that it will be the duty of the convention to do so, and that of the candidates, gracefully to submit.

Resolved, That John Arnold, John D. Owens, G. D. Ashton and Dr. J. W. Burnett, be appointed a committee to correspond with the candidates on the subject of their willingness to submit their claims to a convention.

A Strange Disease. The New Haven Palladium says that a remarkable epidemic, which has puzzled the most skilful physicians, has made its appearance in Orange, Conn., and has caused great consternation there. It has already caused the death of eight persons, and two others are beyond hope of recovery. Several physicians who have been called, say they have never seen anything of the sort, and do not know attack commences with a sore throat, which soon assumes a form of most malignant ulceration, and finally the throat swells unac-The disease is of short duration. Is it not the same which has prevailed at Alits action, as a party, from assault? To say The best varieties of prepared fuel from peat bany and adjacent places? Its characteristics

defence, in the Sickles case, was continued House" landing. A very large number of in the Criminal Court of Washington yester-day. The Court refused to allow as evidence in yesterday for fish, and the demand in-employed. the written statement of Mrs. Sickles.

## COMMERCIAL. PRICES OF PRODUCE IN ALEXANDRIA.

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FLOUR .- The market continues quiet, with moderate transactions and a limited request. Srperfine is held at \$6,25, at which there have been sales to the city trade. Extra \$7, and dull. Fam-

for very choice. WHEAT .- There is still very little wheat coming to market, and our quotations are nominal .-

demand for good wheat. CORN .- We quote white corn at 85c, by weight: yellow very scarce, and none coming to market .-We hope the attention of farmers will be turned to the culture of yellow corn to a greater extent in fu-

RYE is wanted. Small sales at Soc. OATS scarce and in demand at 50c.

The Markets.

BALTIMORE, April 13 .- Flour closed dull; How ard street \$6.25. Wheat closed firm and unchanged; white \$1.60@\$1.80. Corn is very dull; white 746a.76c.; yellow 80c. Provisions closed quiet; bacon sides 91c. Whiskey dull at 25c.

NEW YORK, April 13.-Flour closed firm : State \$5@\$5.50; Ohio \$6.40@\$6.60; Southern \$5.90 @\$6.50. Wheat closed firm; Southern white 180c; Western red 1.40 @ 145c. Corn closed dull; yellow prime \$12.50. Lard closed dull at 11@112c .-Whiskey closed dull, at 25@26c. Stocks closed they are all killed west of the Mississippi.

Philadelphia Cattle Market, April 11.

Beef Cattle .- The offerings at the different yards | treasury. this week amounted to 1000 head; sales ranged from \$10@ \$12 50 \$ 100 the, as to quality-market brisk at an edvance of 25(a 50 cts. 2 100 fbs. Cows and Culves -sales of first quality fresh at \$35 (4.845, and second do. at \$20(2.\$30 each. Sheep About 6,000 at market; sales at 6@71 ets. 3 ib gross. Hogs-Offerings about 1,500 head; and sales at \$8.25@ 89.25 \$3 100 fbs, nett.

New York, April 11 .- There was some advance to-day in speculative stocks. In State stocks there was an advance of 1 to cent. in Tonnessee's, which brought 932 \$ con., and 1@1 & cent. in Missouri's, which sold freely at \$81@8 to \$ \$ cent. California fell off 1 33 cent.

The exports of specie the past week amounted to \$576,108; total since the 1st of January \$9,379,

The California steamer, nearly due, will more than supply the demand in specie now existing for Wednesday's English steamer, which is nearly a million of dollars.

LOCAL ITEMS.

IMPORTANT ENTERPRISE .- The Washington Star says:-"Arrangements have been completed for the prompt establishment of a fine line of steamships from twelve to sixteen hundred tons burthen, to ply between New York and Washington city. They are designed in part to accommodate what must soon be the heavy transit of goods between New York and the Great Southwest, it being a shorter route to travel, and a cheaper way of sending them to the Great Southwestern Railroad line at Alexandria than to send them either via Philadelphia, Baltimore or Norfolk. The place selected for their wharves is understood to be Buzzard's Point; to which it be hooves the Corporation at once to open the street, so that access may be had to it at all times and under all circumstances by District of Columbia freighters by the line.'

Piccolomini.-It will be seen by the advertisement in to-day's Gazette, that our citizens will have an opportunity of hearing the renowned M'lle. Piccolomini, this evening, at Liberty Hall, where she appears in concert, and the rich and attractive programme published, will, we have no doubt, secure for "the little princess" a crowded assemblage. Her magnificent voice will be heard in many exciting and inspiriting operatic gems. Our people have seldom had the opportunity to listen, at their own doors, to the warblings of any child of song who combined so much artistic excellence as Piccolomini. The fair songstress is also gifted with no small share of personal comeliness, and is said to be, generally, a most bewitching creature on the stage. On the occasion of her appearance in this city, she will be surrounded by a brilliant constellation of musical confreres.

THE "NORTHERN LIBERTIES."-The "bustle of business" at the North end of our city, is enlivening and encouraging. The lookeron, near the Canal locks, can observe the Canal boats arriving and departing; the unloading of the coal boats at the Canal outdates now befere the people—yet, if the har-mony of the party should absolutely require | Coal Wharves: the passage of hand cars over the track of the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, now laid to the bridge across the Turnpike; the arrival and departure of the trains on the Alexandria and Washington Railroad; the progress of the work at the wharf for the American Coal Company; the activity at the Fish Wharf. where a fleet of craft are lying; and in the immediate neighborhood, see in full operation the Mount Vernon and Fairview Cotton Factories. The scene to us is very pleasant and encouraging. We ask ourselves, with all the means and appliances, presented at the North end, to say nothing of the Orange and Alexandria and Manassas Gap Railroads entering the city in another quarter, why should not Alexandria be a thrifty, growing, prosperous place? It will yet, we believe, realize the fondest expectations of its citizens, countably and the sufferer dies. Nearly all thus far attacked-mostly children-have situated towns for trade and commerce in the whole country.

FISH MARKET.-Fish arrived in largely increased quantities yesterday, one vessel to the same subject, viz:

Resolved, That a suitable person be appointed Resolved, That a suitable person be appointed per thousand.

RAIL ROAD IRON.-The barque Arthur White, is now in the river below this city, for the Alexandria Londoun and Hampshire Railroad.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES .- It will be seen by reference to our marine list, that the Bark Leni, of this place, was at Mayaguz, Porto Rico, on the 25th ult., loading in a cargo of sugar and molasses for this market. As she may be expected in a short time, we would advise dealers in this city and the District of Columbia, to defer their purchases until the arrival of the Leni.

RAINBOW .- On Tuesday afternoon, just before sunset, a most beautiful double rainbow spanned the heavens in the East. It was observed with delight by all.

We call attention to the advertisement of M ns. A. M. De Monthuny, who offers his services as a teacher of the Spanish, French. and Italian languages. His recommendaily \$8, \$8,50 according to brand, the latter price tions are such as to assure us of his high qualifictions. The political connections which this country has formed since the Mexican war, have rendered the study of the Spanish There were no sales reported on Change, and the language one of great importance to our peolittle coming in is of inferior quality. There is a ple, whilst the French is regarded as one of the essentials to an accomplished education. Jamieson.

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES.

DETROIT, April 11.-The billiard match between Dudley Kavanagh and Michael Phelan, of one thousand points, for \$250 a side, has been decided in favor of Kavanagh. who won hy eleven points. The great run made was by Kavanagh, of one hundred and seventy-seven points.

HARTFORD, (Conn.,) April 12.-The democrats carried the city election by 180 majority, on a test vote. They have also two majority in the councils, which gives them the city government. No mayor was chosen.

Philadelphia, April 12.—The New York

The same Committee made a report recommend ing the laying of flag footways across Wolfe street on the west wide of Water street; and across Roya street, on the south side of Queen street. Adopted

train arrived late, and did not connect here with the southern to-day, consequently the foreign mails by the City of Baltimore, for the South were delayed.

CINCINNATI, April 12 .- Notwithstanding S5687c. Pork closed dull; mess \$17.25@\$17.62; the late cold spell, the fruit trees are reporprime \$12.50. Lard closed dull at 11@1112c.—ted as heing all safe here. It is supposed Boston, April 12 .- The amount required to secure the return of the post office to

State street, has been deposited in the sub-MONTREAL, April 12.—The river from ice, and navigation is open,

SALISBURY, ILL., April 12 .- Yesterday morning the train going south on the Quin-ey and Chicago railroad, ran through a culvert, near Bushnell, demolishing the engine and one of the passenger cars. J. Vannetta, the engineer, and Chas, Clark, fireman, were both instantly killed; Geo. Patch, a brakesman, tad both his legs broken. None of the passengers were injured.

Bangon, April 11 .- Marshall Potter, who was arrested at St. Stephen's charged with causing the death of his mother, two brothers and nephews, at Lee, has been brought to Lee, and has confessed his guilt. He says that he murdered themwith a shingle maul. and was induced to do so on account of a threat to turn him out of doors.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held April 12th, 1859, there were present, Law. B. Taylor, esq., President. Messrs. Reid, Lambert, Smith, Bryan, Arm-

strong, and Barton.
The Committee on Claims, to whom the subject was referred, reported adversely to the petition of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad Company, asking to be relieved from the taxes on their per-

sonal property—Report adopted.

The same Committee reported the following order, which was concurred in, viz: Ordered, That the Auditor issue his warrant in

favor of Purnell Chesser, for \$8, in full of claim for rent to date, April 12th, 1859. The Committee on Public Property made a report of the condition of the old Court House, &c., which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, it was Resolved. That two members from each Board be appointed as proxies, by the City Council, to represent the stock of the Corporation of Alexandria, in the general meeting of the Alexandria Canal Company, to be held on the 1st Monday in May next, and in all adjourned meetings there-

Messrs. Armstrong and Smith were appointed on the part of this Board. The bill of Samuel Beach was received and re ferred to the Committee on Claims. On motion of Mr. Barton, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Schools enquire into the propriety of allowing the Board of Guardians of the Free School, to procure 24 single desks and seats, for the use of the pupils in said School the old desks and benches being very much out of order and otherwise unsuitable

for the purpose.

The bill of Wm. H. Devaughn, with accompany ing youchers, was received and referred to the mmittee on Claims.

The Committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported joint rules for the government of the two Boards, which report was adopted. On motion of Mr. Reid, the petition of sundry street, was taken from the file and referred to the

mmittee on Streets. The petition of J. F. Latham, esq., asking to be exempted from taxation upon two slaves, (very old,) was received and referred to the Committee

The bill of Wm. Underwood, was received from the Common Council, and its reference to the Committee on Claims, concurred in. The report of the Committee on Streets was received from the Common Council, in relation to

the following subjects, viz: The Committee recommend that a plank foot-way be laid on the east side of Pitt street, from Duke to Wolfe street; which was not concurred in the Common Council. They report adversely to the resolution, direct-

ing foot stones to be placed at the Northwest in tersection of King and Pitt streets-concurred in y the Common Council. They also recommend that dag footways be laid across Wolfe street, (west side.) at its intersection with Water street, and across Royal street at its ersection with Queen street, (south side)-con-

curred in by the Common Council. They report adversely to the resolution for placing a footway across Queen at its intersection with Fairfax street-concurred in by the Common The Board concurred in all of said report, ex

ept that portion directing a plank walk to be laid on Pitt street. On motion of Mr. Reid, a Committee of Con rence was appointed upon the subject. Messes. Reid and Lambert were appointed said

mmittee on the part of this Board. The following order was received from the Com mon Council, and its reference to the Committee on Streets, concurred in, viz : Ordered, That a flagging footway be laid across

Fairfax, on the south side of Queen street. The following order was received from the Com Council, and concurred in, viz: Ordered, That the Committee on Fire Depart ment are hereby instructed to purchase 150 feet of Hose to be used by the Friendship Fire Company and 150 feet to be used by the Hydraulion Fire

Company—said Hose to be purchased in the name of and for the use of the City Council of Alexan-A communication was received through the Com mon Council, from the Trustees of the Poor, and its reference to the Finance Committee, concur-

The following resolution was received from the Common Council, as a substitute for the resolution

in yesterday for fish, and the demand in-creases with the supply. Prices: Shad \$124 mr. Armstrong moved to amend by inserting \$3

to \$174 per hundred. Herring average \$12 instead of \$2 50-motion lost. The question then recurring upon the substitute, it was concurred in The following order was received from the Com

mon Council, viz:
Ordered. That the Auditor issue his warrant in favor of the Alexandria Canal Company for \$500. with 800 tons of iron from Bristol, England, taking from said Company their bond at 6 months. bearing interest therefor. It being understood that said bond shall be regarded as a preferred debt, in any mortgage which said Company may give, and said Company also giving their bonds for their old M'lle GHICNI, indebtedness of principal and interest at five years,

hearing interest. Mr. Reid moved to lay it on the table-motion Mr. Reid then moved to strike out all of said order after the word give, which motion was car-ried, and the order passed as amended.

Mr. Armstrong tendered his resignation as a member of the Wharf Building Committee, which was accepted by the Board.

The President appointed Mr. Fowle a member of said Committee, in place of Mr. Armstrong, re-

signed.

The following resolution was received from the Common Council, and concurred in, viz: Resolved, That when Council adjourn this evening, it be to meet on Tuesday evening, the 19th instant, to complete the election of officers, and for the appointment of a Superintendent of the Coal Wharf, and for other general business.

Mr. Armstrong gave notice that he would intro duce a bill at the next meeting of Council, making the Superintendent of the Coal Wharf a sworn

The Board then adjourned. S. J. McCORMICK, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL. At a meeting of the Common Council of Alex-

andria, held April 12th, 1859, there were present. Lewis McKenzie, esq., President. Messrs. Burke, Markell, Kinzer, Eastlack, Hallowell, Beach, Dorsey, Berry, Richards, Smoot, and

The Clerk being absent, Mr. Jamieson was appointed Clerk pro tem.

The Committee on Streets made a report on the petition of the Managers of the Female Orphan Asylum and Free School, and others, accompanied

the following order: Ordered, That a plank footway be laid on the east side of Pitt street, from Duke to Wolfe street.

The same Committee reported adversely on the

resolution which had been passed by the Council on the 15th ult., and referred to them, directing foot-stones to be placed at the northwest intersection of King and Prince streets. Report adopted. The same Committee made a report recommending the laying of flag footways across Wolfe street, on the west wide of Water street; and across Royal

The same Committee reported adversely on the order referred by this Board, on the 15th ult., to them, directing a footway to be laid across Queen street, on the west side of Fairfax street. Adopted.

Mr. Richards presented the bill of William Underwood, for repairs to the Friendship Fire Engine House, amounting to --- dollars. Referred

to Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hallowell offered the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Streets: Ordered, That a flagging footway be laid across Fairfax, on the south side of Queen street. A communication was received from the Board of Trustees of the Poor, asking that an appropriation of - dollars be made. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Fire Department made . re-

port, accompanied by the following order, which Ordered, That the Committee on Fire Depart. ment are hereby instructed to purchase 150 feet of e to be used by the Friendship Fire Company, and 150 feet to be used by the Hydraulion Fire Company; said Hose to be purchased in the name of, and for the use of, the City Council of Alex-

andria. The Committee on Claims, to whom had been referred the petition of John 8. Barbour, President of Orange and Alexandria Railroad Company, re-ported that it is inexpedient for Council to take any action on said petition, and that a resolution

Ordered. That the Auditor issue his warrant in favor of Purnell Chesser, for Eight Dollars, in full of claim for rent to date, 12th of April, 1859. The following resolution was received from the

Board of Aldermen: be appointed as proxies by the City Council to represent the stock of the Corporation of Alexandria in the General Meeting of the Alexandria Canal Company, to be held on the first Monday in May next, and in all adjourned meetings thereof. Resolution adopted, and Messrs. Kinzer and Jamieson appointed on the part of this Board. A bill of W. H. Devaughn, for cupping and leeching the Poor, was referred to the Committee

A communication was received from J. F. La tham, through the Board of Aldermen, and its re-ference to the Committee on Claims concurred in. A report was received from the Committee of Public Property, in relation to the condition of the

Old Court Room, in Market Square. Referred to Committee on Finance.

The Committee to whom the subject had been referred, made a report through the Board of Al-dermen, on the revisal of the joint rules. Not con-

urred in, and laid on the table. The petition of Samuel Beach, and others, in regard to the condition of St. Asaph street, from Queen to Princess street, was received and referred

to the Committee on Streets.

A resolution received from the Board of Aldermen, directing the Committee on Free Schools to enquire into the propriety of allowing the Board of Guardians of the Free School to procure single lesks and seats for the pupils, was concurred in. On motion of Mr. Kinzer, the resolution authorizing the Committee in charge of the new Coal wharf improvement, to appoint a Superintendent, was taken up, when the following substitute was

adopted.

Resolved, That a suitable person be appointed y the City Council to superintend the construction of the wharf for the use of the American Coal ompany, and that his compensation shall be two lollars and fifty cents per day, for each working day he may be so employed.

A bill was presented from Sam'l. Beach, through

the Board of Aldermen, amounting to twenty-nine dollars, for cleaning our ditches. Received, and referred to Committee on Claims. On motion of Mr. Kinzer, the communication

the Corporation Attorney, enclosing a letter from the President of the Alexandria Canal Company was taken up and considered, when Mr. K. offered the order following, viz: Ordered, That the Auditor issue his warrant in

favor of the Alexandria Canal Company for Five Hundred Dollars, taking from said Company their bond at six months, bearing interest therefor; it being understood that said bond shall be regarded as a preferred debt in any mortgage which said Company may give, and said Company gives their bonds for their old in lebtedness of principal and interest at five years, bearing interest. Adopted. A message was received from the Board of Aldernen, that a report from the Committee on Streets, adopted by this Board and sent to them, had not been concurred in, and requested that a committee of conference be appointed. Request granted, and Messrs. Kinzer and Berry appointed on the part of

The order passed by this Board directing the Auditor to issue his warrant in favor of the Alexandria Canal Company, was returned from the Board of Aldermen amended. Amendment con-

Mr. Kinzer offered the resolution following, viz: Resolved, That when the Council adjourn this vening, it be to meet on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., to complete the election of officers, and for the appointment of a Superintendent of the Coal Wharf, and for other general business. Adopted. Mr. Kinzer, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Boards, on the report of the Committee on Streets, made a report recommending that this Board concur in the order directing the plank footway on the east side of Pitt street. Report adopted, and the order passed. On motion, Council adjourned.

ANDREW JAMIESON, Clerk pro tem.

LIBERTY HALL! POSITIVELY FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

FIRST AND ONLY APPEARANCE OF M'LLE. PICCOLOMINI. The public are respectfully informed that

M'lle. PICCOLOMINI'S OPERATIC TROUPE, Will give ONE GRAND OPERATIC CONCERT.

AT LIBERTY HALL On Thursday Evening, April 14th, 1859. This will be positively the only appearance M'lle PICCOLOMINI previous to her departure for Europe, her engagement at her Majesty's

Theatre, commencing early in June.
In order that the public may have an opportunity of judging, not only of her vocal but real ar-tistic qualities, M'lle PICCOLOMINI has consented to appear in selections from Operas in which attained so eminent a success.

ZC- The Operatic Concert will commence at 8 clock. M'lle PICCOLOMINI will be assisted by the

Mezzo Soprano from her Majesty's Theatre, London. Signor MAGGIOROTTI, Buffo Cantente from the Academy of Music, N. Y. Signor LORINI, Prima Tenore, from the Reyal Italian Opera House, Mons. LEGENDRE,

Of the Emperor's Band, Paris, on the Cornet-a-PROGRAMME:

PART I.
1-Aria, Meirampolli-Cenerentola. Signor MAGGIOROTTI. 2-Grace! Grace!-Robert le Diable...Meyerbeer. M'lle GHIONI.

L'Plisie D'Amore M'lle PiccoloMINI and Sig. MAGGIOROTTI. Duett, an Operatic Selection.

- Aria, Cornet-a-Piston...........Mons. Legendre 4-Aria, Il und Tesoro- Don Giovanni .... Mozart. Signor LORINI. -Nozzi di Figaro.....

Operatic Duett by
M'lle PICCOLOMINI and M'lle GHIONI. PART II. 1-Largo al Factotum-Barber of Seville. Rossini. Signor MAGGIOROTTI.
2-I Dreamt that I Dwelt in Marble Halls-Bobe-

mian Girl (the celebrated English song) ... Balfe. M'lle PICCOLOMINI. 3-Serenade, Comme il Gontil-Don Pasquale Signor LORINI. Romanza, Corpet-a-Piston.....Mons. Legendre.

Conductor ...... ... ... ... ... Signor MUZIO. Reserved Seats, One Dollar and a Half. The sale of Scats will commence on Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock, at the Jewelry Store of A. H. chsel, No. 86 King street. Admittance at the Door, on the night of the

The grand Piano used on this occasion, is from the celebrated Factory of Nunn's & Clark, N. Y., and is kindly furnished by Mr. B. F. Dennis. ap 14-1:

DRUSTEE'S SALE .- By virtue of a deed of

AUCTION SALES.

trust from A. D. Collinsworth, dated on the 2d of May, 1858, and duly of record in the Alexandria County Court, the undersigned, as trustee, will offer for sale, at public auction, for cash, in front of the Mayor's office, in the City of Alexandria, Va., on Saturday, the 30th day of April inst., at 12 o'clock, M., a LOT of GROUND on the south side of Queen street, in said city, between yal and Pitt streets, fronting 20 feet on Queen, and running back 109 feet 3 inches, having in the cears width of 25 feet, with an irregular boundary on the east, bounding on several alleys, with the right of way over all—being the same lot of ground which was conveyed to said Collinsworth, by N. Brown and wife, by deed of August 25th, 1855. The above property will be sold subject to the dower interest which will ascrue to the wife of the said Collinsworth, should she survive him. S. FERGUSON BEACH, Trustee. ap 11-eots

BY S. J. McCORMICK-AUCTIONEER. ROCERIES, STORE FIXTURES, &c., AT Of AUCTION.—On Friday morning next, 15th instant, at 10 o'clock, will be sold at the Store of Wesley Summers, at the upper end of King street, all his remaining stock of GROCERIES: also, a lat of Painted Buckets, Tube, &c., 12 or 15 first rate Stand Casks, together with all the Store Fixtures. Terms, cash. S. J. McCORMICK, Auct. ap 13-dts

HASKELL'S RESTITUTOR, for improving and restoring the bair, gradually changing it to its original color, if groy, for sale by ap 14 HENRY COOK & CO. The same Committee reported favorably on the claim of Purnell Chesser, accompanied by the following order. Report and order adopted:

SHAWL BERAGE, white and black, two yards wide, at HARPER & BRO'S.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

From Cubs-Mexican News Confirmed. NEW YORK, April 13 .- The steamship Philadelphia from Havana on the 8th has arved. All was quiet on the Island. The Isabel, which arrived at Charleston yesterday with dates of the 10th makes no mention of any revolt on the Island.

The fires previously reported in the isand, occurred between Matanzas and Cardenss, where the sugar cane on twenty estates-enough to make 10,000 boxes of sugar-

Accounts had reached Havana from Mexic) confirming Miramon's retreat and the siege of the Capital.

The Rumored Cuban Revolution. New York, April 13 .- The Sun hoists today the Cuban flag. It says: "By this time there is no doubt but that the whole island is in a state of revolt." A strong expedition

Great Billiard Game. DETROIT. April 13 .- Phelan won the great

left here in the latter part of March.

illiard match here yesterday by ninety-six BY YESTERDAY EVENING'S MAILS. CELEBRATION AT ASHLAND .- The anniver-

sary of the birth-day of Henry Clay was commemorated at Ashland, Hanover county, on Tuesday, in accordance with previous announcement. The weather was as fine as could have been desired, and adding its influence to the other attractions of the occasion, drew together a large assemblage of people from the surrounding country and from

The Dispatch says:-At some of the farm nouses on the route, the ladies saluted the passing train by waving their handkerchiefs. nd, one, more ardent than the rest, made good use of a table cloth, continuing to wave in the air until the cars were out of sight. After dinner, a throng assembled around

the principal stand at the race track, and previous to the arrival ar. Goggin, a brief speech was made by Mr. Robert Ridgway, in ompliance with calls. When Mr. Goggin came upon the stand he was vociferously cheered. He said that he merely came there to participate in the celebration of Clay's birth day—not to make a political speech-that his competitor had

in the canvass had been so arduous that he required a brief period of rest. A Voice-"Stand up, and let us see you." Mr. Goggin-You must be satisfied with a look. I think I am quite as good looking as my opponent, though neither of us can brag of much in that respect. [Laughter.]
The speaker then paid a highly wrought

gone to Washington, and his own exertions

ribute to the memory of Henry Clay-gave a brief narration of the electioneering canvass, Mr. Wm. Gilmer, of Albemarle, spoke next. He was exceedingly enthusiasticsaid the spirit was rolling on-the praries were on fire-and he felt assured that if the Opposition did their duty, his friend Goggin would be triumphantly elected Governor.

Calls were then made for various gentlemen, but the name of "Caskie" predominating, Hon. J. S. Caskie came forward and eulogized the personal character and public services of Henry Clay, but declined making

olitical speech. Mr. Dejarnette followed very briefly.-Both he and Mr. Caskie had agreed that the day should be devoted to a discussion between the Gubernatorial candidates, and it was not his purpose to deliver an address on

Mr. R. T. Daniel next made a political speech, warmly advocating the election of Mr. Goggin, and making some allusion to the District Senatorial contest between Messrs. Chastain White and William C. Wickham.

the present occasion.

dressed the audienc , declining to make set speeches, but promising to meet in discussion hereafter. The closing speech was made by Mr. L. W. Tazewell.

Messrs. White and Wickham briefly ad-

Mr. Goggin leaves this evening by the up train to speak at Louisa Court House to-mor-A locomotive, attached to a train, on which were about 30 passengers, ran off the track, near Ashland, which caused a temporary disarrangement of the programme of proceed-

Goggin Demonstration .- During his recent stay in Staunton, Mr. Goggin was entertained at the house of our townsman, John D. Imboden, esq. While seated quietly Saturday night conversing with a few friends he was surprised by a serenade and found it impossible to resist the calls made upon him by large crowd of our citizens in front of Mr. Imboden's residence. Though much averse to saying anything, he finally yielded to the solicitations of his friends, and briefly addressed the people, thanking them for the compliment and expressing his firm belief in the triumph of his and their cause on the

26th of May. In response to calls made upon him, Mr. Imboden also made a few appropriate remarks after which many of our fellow citizens paid their respects to Mr. Goggin, who has a pleasant smile, a cheering word and a hearty

shake of the hand for all. We understand that the band also called upon Mr. Letcher, who made his appearance and thanked them, but owing to his physical condition declined making a speech .- Stauntoa Spectator.

The Richmond Enquirer states that Mr. Letcher proposes to meet Mr. Goggin, at all the appointments of the latter, up to the meeting at Norfolk, on the 23d instant, at all events; and it is possible that Mr. Letcher will attend Mr. Goggin through all of the appointments made by the latter in the Eastern sec-

Mesars. Letcher and Goggin, addressed the citizens of Albemarle, at Charlottesville, on Monday last. The speeches of both gentlemen are highly spoken of by their respective friends. MURDER .- The Staunton Spectator says:-"A free negro man was committed to the jail

of this county a few days ago, for killing his wife with an axe. The unfortunate woman survived her injuries for several days. She lived near Churchville. We have not been able to obtain any particulars of the occur-Mr. J. M. Wilson, foreman of the shop for manufacturing gun carriages, at the Wash-

loft of one of the buildings, on Tuesday, and was killed. DLAIN AND PANCY DRESS TRIMMINGS

ington Navy Yard, accidentally fell from the

of every variety and the most approved styles, C. C. BERRY'S. 72 King street,

[Prince William Democrat copy.]